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Dear Anthony Caputa:

I am the inventor and I wrote the above application. On October 29, 2006, I filed a petition to revive for unintentional abandonment and paid the \$750 fee. The patent office refused to grant my two non-fee based petitions of July 19 and September 17, 2006. In the September petition, I again suggested that my application might be better handled by the Communication Art Unit instead of the Educational Art Unit. I also listed Nokia's patent 6,963,762 (issued Nov. 8, 2005 in Class 455) and three Nokia applications. Since then, I have found other Nokia tactile-related improvement patent grants -- all based on applications filed after mine.

In early 2000, I wrote to and met with Nokia. Later, Nokia asked for and received a copy of my PCT application, which was later published February 8, 2001. I tried to interest Nokia in how tactile/vibration could enhance mobile devices in many non-prior art ways, i.e., non-operational tactile enhancement of mobile phones, tactile enhancement of mobile device game play and for adding tactile output to GPS devices, etc. Later, Nokia responded that they were not interested and that I should not contact them again, unless I should receive a patent.

I truly believe that the inventive ideas in most of the Nokia mobile device and/or method patents and patent applications relating to tactile improvements came from me, and that I was the first to file a patent application -- and my wife and I had very early proven the usefulness of the concepts. I even explained to Nokia how to implement some of the applications.

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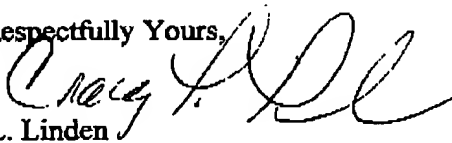
Nokia's 6,963,762 patent, "Mobile Phones Using Tactile Icons", becomes one-year-old on November 8, 2006. Nokia's claims are constructed differently but the ideas are the same. My provisional and PCT/US application broadly covers new devices, methods, and the integration of tactile displays to many different types of devices. Nokia, in contrast, caused many different patent applications filed for various applications and various devices. Another of their patents, number 6,671,618, "Navigation system" broadly claims adding tactile/vibration output to GPS-type devices – as mentioned in my provisional and PCT/US applications.

Question, shouldn't the examiner have done something about Nokia's applications in light of my application and my Web site (www.RealTimeTouch.com) and my international press releases (some of which can still be found via Google)? If my application had been assigned to the Communications Art Unit – wouldn't there been a better chance of halting Nokia's patents? Shouldn't have Nokia or their patent attorneys or their in house "inventors" revealed to the USPTO Nokia's contacts with me, my press releases, my Web site, my PCT application and my non-provisional applications?

Question, if the patent office won't do anything, am I subject to the one year deadline to protest or interfere with Nokia's 6,963,762 patent before it becomes one year old? Or, can I wait to make court claims regarding Nokia's patents, after my patent issues (assuming it is eventually granted)?

I cannot afford to hire an attorney now, so I am asking for general information (not legal advice) to help me make a decision as to whether I have to attempt a protest/interference prior to November 8, 2006, or if I can wait until my patent is granted.

Very Respectfully Yours,


Craig L. Linden
Inventor and Applicant

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